

THE VIGILANTE

A SEMI-MONTHLY PAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

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"We Come in Search of Truth"

GARVIN ELECTED

No Classes Thursday and Friday

No classes will be held the last two days of this week, according to information issued from the president's office.

This means that students will not be encouraged to be in the buildings during these days. The faculty will be extremely busy completing records and will have little time to hold office hours.

All records will be handed in to the office some time Thursday, January 13. The various instructors will devise their own methods of informing students about grades.

Here's the Way To Get Your Grades

Some instructors give out no grades from their own offices. The registrar does not track students down to force grades upon them. If you take any interest in learning how well (or poorly) you have done in your courses, it is up to you to follow a few simple directions to find out whether you received all As or all Bs.

Upon a card or a piece of paper, write the courses you took the past semester, together with the hours and days the classes met. Now enclose this card or piece of paper in an envelope that bears, on the outside, your name.

If the envelope bears an address under the name, and a two-cent stamp in the upper right hand corner, the office will be glad to mail your grades to your home. (Curses, Jack Dalton.)

If you want the envelope put into your college mail box, the name alone will do. Should you not hand Miss Vance an envelope, or rather not put it in the box outside her office, it will be necessary to wait until Miss Vance has the time to take care of a personal visit to her office.

Notice

All graduates will meet with Mr. Anderson in the Assembly Hall at 9:30 o'clock, Saturday, January 15, according to orders issued lately.

This meeting will be very important for all graduating students, and only an unusual emergency should prevent attendance.

Registration Fees Due

Registration fees are due once more for the classes of February '25 and February '26. The total sum will be eight dollars; three dollars will be for registration and five dollars will be for books.

This fee is required once every year. Those of August '25 and of August '26 will not have to pay anything this coming semester, but they will have to pay the following term.

Faculty Grade Ruling Misinterpreted

A student who fails to pass a course may take the course again and get an "A" if her work is good enough.

There has never been any faculty ruling to the contrary, but somehow many students seem to have received the impression that in such a case, anyone retaking a course could not get a grade above "D."

Several students, thinking this latter to be true, reconciled themselves to the inevitable in classes they were taking over for the second time, and worked only enough to get the "D." Now at the last minute they have found out that if they had worked harder they might have received a higher grade.

Just how this misinformation got started, those in authority do not know. Some students maintain that they were told by faculty members last spring. It is possible that the confusion came about in this way:

The faculty did pass a ruling that in cases where students had failed a course, but failed because of a defensible reason, and by so narrow a margin that additional opportunity might help them pass, a grade of "X" might be given. This grade of "X" means that when the student receiving it does the work outlined by the instructor, she may get a "D," but nothing higher.

Undoubtedly it was this ruling that was misinterpreted by several students who now find themselves with a grade lower than the one they were capable of earning.

Registration Plans Made

The success of registration work depends entirely upon the students. There are many opportunities for student help, and a place will be found for all those wishing to take part in this activity. Assistance is purely voluntary. Miss Vance will be glad to receive names of applicants.

The schedule for registration week, commencing January 17, will be as follows:

On Monday, January 17, the Kindergarten group of August '24 will come from 2 to 4 p. m.

On Tuesday, January 18, those of August '24 will come from 10 to 12 a. m., while those of February '24 will come from 2 to 5 p. m.

On Wednesday, January 19, August '25 will come from 10 to 12 a. m., while February, '26 will come from 1 to 5 o'clock.

On Thursday, January 20, August '26 will come from 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. Those of the upper division and the specials of January '27 will come from 2 to 4 p. m.

Miss Crumpton requests that everyone broadcast to prospective students of January '27 the news that registration commences at 9 o'clock Monday morning in the new gym.

Application for entrance should be made as soon as the students receive their recommendations from high schools.

All starting next semester should make an effort to have a personal interview with Miss Crumpton, rather than mail applications.

Second Election Necessary

For the second time in late years, it was necessary to hold a second election to settle claims to student body offices. Due to the fact that a successful candidate must have a majority of the votes cast, the offices of president and vice-president were not determined at the first election. For president, Helen Garvin received 168 votes and Minnie Kelley 148. While Miss Garvin led, she needed at least 185 votes. The total number of votes cast was 370. In the race for the vice-presidency, Iva Feldmeyer and Willela Porter both failed to get a majority. At the time the Vigilante goes to press the tie has not been voted off.

The other officers all won by comfortable majorities. For the coming semester, Agnes Boyle will be secretary, Orpha Corrigan will write the checks, and Gladys Banner will lead the yells. Both amendments won by tremendous "yes" majorities.

The ballots of the first election were counted Thursday afternoon, immediately upon the closing of the ballot boxes at four o'clock.

Mr. Morse kept keen watch upon the readers, and Mr. Butler added another note of stern faculty supervision as the votes were tallied. To check against error, two sets of records for each office were made. As the reader called each ballot, two helpers checked the vote for president, two checked the vote for vice-president, and so on. In this way intentional and unintentional errors were made impossible.

The Franciscan Senior Sale Now On

Attention, seniors! Today is your last chance to order an Annual.

Pay two dollars to the collector, together with ten cents for postage if you wish the journal sent.

For your money, the student collecting will give you a temporary receipt, which, when turned in to Miss Wellman, business manager this year, will be replaced by a permanent one.

Up to date few seniors have ordered Annuals. It seems a pity, too, because their pictures are printed in the book, along with interesting information which they might prize some day.

All of the collectors for the seniors who reach 100 per cent in their sales will be given a theater party, dinner, or some other social time, to be decided upon at the close of the contest.

Notice

Students expecting assignments in either regular teaching or in teaching special classes are requested to watch Miss Ward's bulletin board for hours of visiting. All visiting must begin at the time given.

Graduating Class Gives Last Supper

Bringing to a close an active and successful college career, the class of August '24 held a dinner at the Manx Hotel, December 16, with ninety members present.

During the evening, Miss Constance Wisewell, acting as toast mistress, introduced Mr. Anderson, president of the college. Obliging, that gentleman left his goodly repast long enough to address a few remarks to the assemblage. Miss Ward also showed a high degree of holiday spirit and unselfishness by leaving her dinner to speak to the guests.

Further entertainment was provided by Miss Anna Johansen's whistling solos and Mr. Carlos Mundt's songs. Misses Elaine Ennis and Agnes Boyle suggested and directed some highly amusing games. The remainder of the evening was given over to dancing and singing. The guests enjoyed their own singing immensely. They were only sorry that they had neglected to send flowers to themselves.

Miss Annabel Hopping provided the accompaniments and dance music.

Members of the faculty present were: Mr. A. Anderson, Miss M. A. Ward, Miss G. Carter, Miss F. Vance, Miss C. Crumpton, Miss E. McFadden, Mrs. E. Spozio, Dr. S. Rypins, and Mr. C. Mundt.

The committee deserving credit for the success of the affair was: Irene Smith, Elaine Ennis, Agnes Boyle, Annabel Hopping, Ida Hurliman, Mary Newport, Bernice Kelly, and Constance Wisewell, chairman.

"Romantic Age" Scores Success

Playing to a packed house of 300 enthusiastic spectators, the College Theater presented one of the most successful and enterprising performances in the history of the college.

"The Romantic Age," a comedy by A. A. Milne, was first produced at Comedy Theater, London, October 18, 1920. It is the story of a very romantic girl, Melisande, who will have nothing to do with these modern lovers, and who believes that there is no romance left in the world. She longs for a hero of olden times, one who wears "blue and gold" clothes and has princely manners. During the progress of the play, a man such as this appears, and she thinks that at last she has found her ideal knight. But it finally turns out that he is only on his way to fancy dress ball. Her dreams crash in ruins.

The climax comes when the hero arrives the next day in "knickers" and "loud socks." For a while, she will have nothing to do with him, because he is just like all other men, more interested in what there is to eat than in romance. But after quite some persuasion on the part of Gervase, the hero, Melisande, realizes that one can't live on love. As the play ends she is learning how to make bread sauce.

All of which goes to prove that the first feverish days of the romantic age are the hardest, and there's hope that the most horribly smitten may come back to earth safe and sound.

The College Theater should be commended for this fine production. Playing under such handicaps as are presented by the old hall, the success is even more creditable, and the college extends congratulations to the Theater, stage hands, director, publicity committee, and hostesses, for the excellent way in which the complete performance was handled.

(Editor's Note: Due to an oversight, this story was not printed in the last issue.)

Art Club Picks New Officers

The Art Club ought to be assured of a very successful term this coming semester. The newly elected officers have, on previous occasions, shown their executive ability to advantage.

Competition in elections was keen. The president, Ardyth Coffee, received a large majority; Madelyn Munk was elected vice-president, and Emma La Clerque, secretary, by one significant vote. Edna Casner, who is to handle the money, received a somewhat heavier vote.

The past treasurer, Miss Coffee, handed over to Miss Casner the books all okay, with a goodly surplus to start the new term.

The organization has already begun its campaign for new members. At the president's suggestion, each member brought a visitor whom she thought would be a likely prospective member.

Any girl interested at all in the Art Club, in art itself, or who is desirous of social activity, is extended the invitation of visiting the club. Inquire of Miss Mayer, or get in touch with the officers.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream and fancy cakes were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

August '25 Tennis Champs

A statuette of a girl, just in the act of swinging a wicked racquet, was presented to the tennis team of the Class of August '25 last Thursday afternoon.

This recognition came as a result of the victory of August '25 over all comers. The tournament closed with the following scores: August '25, 11 points; February '26, 9 points; August '24, 5 points; August '26, 3 points.

The trophy was presented by Mr. R. Dougherty, director of physical education in San Francisco.

W. A. A. Awards Trophies

With a "Let's give six for the W. A. A.," the Woman's Athletic Association rally opened last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

After Vida Seteneich had led the first yell, President Emma LeBaron introduced Mr. Anderson, and the two visitors, Mr. Crane, superintendent of the Hillsborough schools, and Mr. Dougherty, superintendent of physical education in San Francisco.

Mr. Anderson spoke about the value of physical education to teachers. He said that schools were no longer morgues for decrepit old maids, but were institutions where teachers knew how to play and could teach children how to play.

Then, Mr. Dougherty, after a short talk, gave out the awards. Numerals were given to: Myrtle Savage, Ione Hart, Uarda Schultz, Vaune Pierce, Agnes Boyle, Orpha Corrigan, Bertha Hill, Lucile Savage, and Alice Gerstenberg. Blocks were awarded to Bernice Kelly, Grace Springett, Ethel Byrne, Marian Byrne, and Vaune Pierce. The W. A. A. pin, the highest award of the Woman's Athletic Association, was awarded to Vida Seteneich.

The cup for the champion unlimited basketball team was given to August '24, Clara Bachich, manager. The cup for the champion 120 pound basketball team was awarded to August '24, Agnes Boyle, manager. The tennis trophy was won by August '25, Vaune Pierce, manager. The swimming trophy was awarded to August '26, Lillian Biancini, manager.

With cheers for the W. A. A., its outgoing president, Emma LeBaron, and its incoming president, Ethel Byrne, the Woman's Athletic Association rally ended.

Extension Classes Start February 7

The afternoon and evening sessions for the spring term of 1927 will start on February 7.

Among the courses to be taught will be Child Hygiene, which will be given by Dr. Barney on Monday afternoons; Building of Elementary Curriculum which will be held on Monday evenings; City School Administration which will be held on Thursday afternoons; and Psychology of Intelligence which will be given by Mr. Valentine on Thursday afternoons.

The Self-Cultivation of Books, taught by Dr. Lehmann, and the Story of the Stars, taught by Mr. Mundt, will be given in Oakland. This is due to the great demands of the teachers over there for these courses. Already two hundred have signed up for Dr. Lehmann's course and fifty have signed up for Mr. Mundt's.

Mr. Stone's course in Silent Reading will be discontinued. The course in Nature Study, which Miss McFadden started last fall, will be continued in the Spring Session by Miss Reid.

Miss Hahn, city school supervisor, will continue her "Principles and Practice of Elementary Education." "Education for Citizenship" will go into its second unit under Mrs. Cowell. "Educational Tests and Measurements," given by Mrs. Spozio, and "School Supervision and Administration," by Mr. Butler, will likewise run over into the Spring Session.

In the English department, Miss Gorman will give the second half of her "Creative Composition." Miss Holmes will continue her course in "Growth and Development of the Child."

The work offered in foreign languages will be practically the same as that which has been offered in the past. It will depend, however, upon the numbers enrolling for each course as to just what courses will be actually given.

In the Social Science field Dr. Rypins will continue his "Current Events," as will also Dr. Kann his "Slavic Europe."

Alumni Association To Be Revived

At the senior dinner on December 16, Miss Ward spoke about reviving the alumni association, which at one time was an active organization, but which at present is in a state of lethargy. It is hoped that every graduate will take an interest in this organization and give it her hearty cooperation.

are being planned at the close of the spring semester for graduates of the past year.

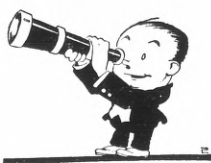
W. A. A. Installs Officers

The new executive board of the W. A. A. was duly dined, wine, and installed last Wednesday evening at the Aladdin Tea Room.

Emma LaBaron, retiring president, opened the business session of the meeting by thanking the members for their hearty spirit and co-operation during the past successful season.

Then she went on to wish the new officers the best of luck in the season that is to come. Having handed over the mantle, the old regime gracefully retired and the meeting was turned over to informal speeches.

Miss Hale closed the affair with a short address. In it she expressed satisfaction over the success of the season. It is now the duty of the new officials, she pointed out, to make the next semester an ever greater success.



HERE AND THERE

A list of the names of seniors who have made excellent scholastic rating, while matriculating in this college, has been posted in the hall. The scholarship committee wishes it known that there are many seniors whose work has been satisfactory whose names are not on this list.

At the close of this semester, when all the grades are turned in, a revised list will be published.

Mrs. Bertha Monroe, instructor in Immigrant Peoples and American Institutions, is recovering from a slight operation. Mrs. Monroe lives at Peoples Place, 555 Chestnut street, where she is in charge of Peoples Place, a settlement center for the Italian immigrant.

The faculty and students of this college wish Mrs. Monroe a speedy recovery.

Gladys Cobb is back at college again. A nervous breakdown forced her to withdraw some time ago, but rest and home proved an effective cure.

What Is It?

"It's a man, I tell you."

"No, it's a horse. Why anyone can see—"

And the discussion waxed somewhat warm in the eleven o'clock Human "Jig" class, when Miss Smith, acting chairman during Mrs. Doris' absence, and Miss Montgomery were attempting to illustrate the lesson with some colored slides to some students who were discussing "human activities of the plains people of Patagonia."

After the third or fourth sentence, the remainder of the class took sides and went at it "tooth and toenail." Heated discussions took place, and voices were raised.

There were no serious casualties resulting from this bit of warfare, and nothing was wrong with the slide, or lens, or light, or class; the whole trouble rested with the figure over which so much discussion was going on. It proved to be a man, finally, but he was standing or bending in such a position that one could easily have taken him for a horse.

Miss Pixley Discloses Engagement Secret

Uh-huh, now we know why Miss Pixley is wearing such a "bee-u-ti-ful" solitaire diamond, set with amethyst and topaz.

At a bridge tea given lately at her home, California announced her engagement to Kenneth Hall Winter, a San Francisco architect.

The announcement came as a great surprise to Miss Pixley's friends. Not until they broke the seals on the miniature envelopes, attached to the place cards, did they know.

The color scheme of lavender and yellow was carried out from table decorations of violets and daffodils to the refreshments of violet and yellow cakes, lemon jelly salad and cheese toast.

The seventeen guests, a majority of whom were from college, spent the afternoon playing bridge.

California's aunt delighted the girls with a musical program.

Traditional Spot Rediscovered

Inertia Alley, a vital institution of the San Francisco State Teachers College, is not receiving the regard and attention which is its due. Students, things have reached such a pass that ignorance as to where this important department is, what it is, why it is, and even that it is, is characteristic of the majority.

Come, be enlightened, you who are in darkness. Listen to this tale of a poor, but honest, alley, chosen from its mates, sought out by the Gods to be raised to a position of untold honor.

Why Inertia Alley? Because, dear friends of radioland, the chosen spot, thus crushingly christened, draweth all and sundry of those possessed of an unconquerable desire to "inert." To the few square feet of lovely, oiled floor that make up Inertia Alley, come souls, bodies, and minds, weary of the day's toil, here to rest, here to escape the perplexities of life, here to "inert."

Ah, and now, dear listeners, where is this haven of rest, this home of peace? Nestled cozily among soothing rows of steel lockers lieth this college girls' heaven. How hast Fate, or an architect, especially blessed this spot? Pst! **That is the secret; NOBODY KNOWS.** Is the floor possessed of a comforting softness? Are these lockers unusually beautiful? Ah, friends, opponents, and judges, **NOBODY KNOWS, NOBODY KNOWS!**

Due to the popularity of the Alley; due to the throngs of Inertors attracted, dirt does accumulate. Much dirt. Very much dirt. Dirt, not to be blamed upon the legal residents of the alley, but blamed upon them nevertheless. Hence the call to arms, or the call to aid if you will. All foreign born Inertors are requested to inert without littering up the alley with scraps of paper, banana peels, orange skins, apple cores, bread crumbs, pencil shavings, gum wrappers, gum itself, stray books, stray class notes, string—finish it yourself.

Faculty Member Acquitted Of Serious Charge

"Not guilty!" This was the verdict of the jury at the Wednesday assembly, on December 15, and Mr. Mundt did not have to pay Mr. Ray the thirty-five cents that the latter claimed the former owed him.

At a dinner engagement on the night of September 23, Mr. Mundt, Mr. Morse and Mr. Butler were guests of Mr. Ray. There appeared to be a difference of opinion on the part of the four gentlemen as to whether Mr. Mundt paid Mr. Ray the exorbitant sum of thirty-five cents for the dinner.

Due to the disturbance caused by finding a red hair and a set of false teeth in the soup, neither Mr. Butler nor Mr. Morse could decide whether or not it was the salt shaker or the money that the defendant had handed to the plaintiff during the course of the dinner.

Owing to the fact that it was proven that the defendant's character in the past had been beyond reproach, and that the plaintiff had a very poor memory, the jury summed up the evidence and cleared Mr. Mundt of any guilt. The verdict caused much chagrin and disappointment on the part of Mr. Ray.

The audience, however, was well pleased with the verdict, and the majority of the students felt the case had been aptly judged.

Students of Mrs. Cowell's Constitution class, under the direction of Alice Brown, tried the case in true parliamentary form.



Alumni Jots

Dorothy Bryan is a confirmed "Liver-moran," according to Miss Bryan herself and everyone who comes in contact with her.

"You simply can't imagine how beautiful the valley is, especially in the spring, and the air—well, I haven't felt better in my life," quoth our happy alumna.

Miss Bryan is well occupied with instructing nine little Portuguese children, a little better than one for each grade.

Although the pupils are not so brilliant, they work in very bright surroundings. The building is the best equipped rural school in the county, having a furnace, ventilation system, up-to-date furniture, and many modern conveniences.

Gladys Maxwell, a former president of the student body, is teaching the fifth and sixth grades, limited, in the John Dewey School, Oakland.

"The children for the most part are from the industrial and foreign localities in East Oakland. They are rather slow in learning, but we give much manual work to fit them for occupations," said Miss Maxwell.

Miss Evelyn Renwick, a recent graduate of this college, was married to Mr. Neville in Richmond, California.

Mrs. Neville is teaching the second grade in the Lincoln Grammar School, and will finish out this year before she starts seriously to cooking spinach and darning masculine socks.

The couple will live in Richmond.

Miss Blanche Storzaker was a visitor at college last week. While attending school here, Blanche worked in Mr. Anderson's office.

Miss Alice Layne is teaching the first grade at the Taylor School in San Francisco.

Miss Dorothy Wiley, a recent graduate, was a visitor here last week. She is teaching in Newman, California.

Lyndon Davis, a recent graduate, was married to John Lawrence Boyle, December 20, at Corning, California.

Professors Failed

Five professors received less than passing grades in the student ratings published in the City College Student of the College of the City of New York, last fall. Only ten received As.

The grading was done by a group of students "qualified by their long familiarity with many members of the faculty." In this rating the prime consideration was the professor's general ability as a teacher. Personality and knowledge of the subject were secondary factors.

"Ability" was taken to mean the capacity for instilling a sincere interest in the subject matter of a given course and the power to impart the information necessary. Glittering platitudinizing and liberal posing were marked very low.

T. N. T.

This column is run only as a place where public opinion may be expressed. It asks that you explode with any grievance or evil that you would like to see remedied. Place all communications in the Vigilante box in the lower hall. These communications must contain the writer's name, although it will be withheld if desired. The Vigilante assumes no responsibility for views published.

TNT

There are lots of people in this world,
Who just can't get along,
Unless they're finding something,
Somewhere, that is wrong.

According to them, the teachers
Give grades that are unfair;
They do not teach correctly,
They're "here" and should be "there."

The teachers alone don't suffer,
'Tis not only what they do;
For—the building is not substantial,
And—but why tell this to you?

You know them as well as I do,
These people I'm talking about,
For you are one, and I am one,
Of that there is no doubt.

Each one of us—no more, no less—
Is in the self same plight,
We're always seeing ugly things,
When beauty's in plain sight.

Now answer me this question,
And answer honor bright,
"Would we ever cease to grumble,
Though everything was right?"

Dear Editor:

I have been wondering about this matter for some time, and I am now broaching the subject to the public for consideration.

Is it fair for one girl to save three or four seats in the Wednesday assembly by merely placing her books on the seats? I, for one, do not think so. It is my opinion that on such occasions a seat is not "taken" until someone is sitting in it.

Many times the girl for whom the seat is reserved does not show up at all. The seat is left vacant, while dozens of girls stand at the rear of the hall.

More than one harsh look has been cast upon me, when seemingly rudely I removed the books and took possession of the seat.

In conclusion, I would like to see the girls who are guilty of this unfairness use more judgment in consideration of others.

Very sincerely,

A Collegian.

State Teachers College,
San Francisco, Calif.,
Dec. 7, 1926.

Editor T. N. T. Column,
c/o Vigilante,
Dear Editor:

Something should be done about bells for the fire drills. Today I arrived between classes and I heard someone say, "Fire drill!" No one seemed to be moving out of the halls.

A bell rang in Miss Vance's office, and a little later the bell in Miss Carter's office. Can't something be done to have a special fire bell ring at once and not several bells?

The school is old, and if a real fire did start, no one would leave the building.

Respectfully yours,

A. D.

Dr. Biddle Gives Views On East-West Girls

"Girls are delightful creatures at any place," said Dr. Biddle, when asked what he thought of the western girl in contrast to the eastern girl.

"However," the doctor went on, "the society of the West is freer than the stilted form of pretense found in the East. The social functions in which the boys and girls mingle freely in wholesome play are most desirous."

Then Dr. Biddle started on his hobby: "Lasting marriage, real understanding between man and wife, is brought about by two people learning to be tolerant of each other's mental make-up and peculiarities."

In an effort to bring the instructor back to the question of the minute, the reporter asked about feminine attire.

"Well," acquiesced Dr. Biddle, "I didn't notice much difference in either the amount of the kind of clothing. I simply can't understand how these delicate, feminine creatures can wear such scant clothes and yet **keep warm**. That is one of the girls' secrets I guess I never shall be able to solve."

S' Fact, You Can't

You never can tell what's going to happen to the dramatic personnel of a college. At least that's the way it looks to Dr. Rypins and a few others, who, for quite some time have been working on Bernard Shaw's play, "You Never Can Tell." The performance was scheduled for presentation on January 14, and all went well until vacation. Then a few of the girls who were graduates decided that they would not return after the holidays.

Blow number two: An important member of the cast, Margaret Heaney, decided to get married and start the New Year right. She, too, is not returning.

So what could the unfortunate director do but throw up his hands and decide that "You Never Can Tell" is indeed more truth than poetry.

There Are a Few Left

"Santa's Best Smile for YOU! Christmas, 1926."

Did many students see this Yule-tide poster on the door of the rest room? Miss Jessie Squires, chairman of the College Comfort Committee, put it there. She also supplied the same room with a Christmas tree and all of its trimmings.

Though Miss Squires was only a member of the Flower Committee, the rest-room, which seems to be under her personal supervision, was, however, furnished with a Christmas tree, snow and everything. Miss Squires, it might be mentioned, purchased this tree out of her own "pin-money" and donated it to the school. The ornaments, also, were taken from her own tree.

The rest room is kept "comfy" and attractive. It always has special decorations for each holiday. Practically all of this work can be traced directly to Miss Squires. The very "turkiest" Thanksgiving ever was expressed by a poster on the door. Miss Squires was responsible for it.

Very unique and attractive decorations for the night when ghosts and goblins prowled were exhibited; a very "glarry" jack-o-lantern with a big yellow bow-tie represented his colleagues in expressing the appropriate wish, and on the table a lovely pumpkin served as a bowl for a fetching bunch of marigolds.

This and more has our energetic chairman accomplished. Come on, girls, let's give her SIX; alright, all you've got!



GIFTY GABS

Dot Eggers: "See that bump on my head?"

B. Kelly: "Yes."

Dot: "Well, that is where a thought struck me."

"Rastus, ah heahs yo goin' to be a aviata."

"No sah. Terra firma fo' me, and de mo' firma, de less terra."

The other day V. T. and M. W. were caught in the 15 cent store purchasing masks. When asked as to their purpose they said that they were looking for some masks which had intelligent expressions that they could wear in class, because an instructor had told them that she did not like the ones they usually wore.

Since Dr. Biddle cannot make head or tail of this, perhaps Dr. Rypins can give us the answer: If a snake started to swallow its tail, where would it be when it reached the head?

Dr. Barney, to freshman: "Did you ever have an accident?"

Frosh: "I was knocked silly once."

Dr. Barney: "Do you ever expect to recover?"

Jerry Eggleston, to lady in cafe: "Have you any of this College Track Meat that I have heard so much about today?"

Some British scientists have said that loss of hair benefits the brain. I wonder if this applies to boyish bobs?

To prove that a piece of paper equals a lazy dog: A piece of paper is an ink line plane, and an ink line plane equals an incline plane. An incline plane is a slope up, and a slope up equals a dog pup. How about it, Mr. Boulware?

I wonder if Krishnamurti did not give the reason for the sad expressions on the faces of so many of the students at this college when he said that unhappy people dwell in temporary things?

Student: "Are your photograph flatter?"

Photographer: "Madam, I always do justice."

Student: "I am not asking for justice; what I want is mercy."

San Jose To Build Student Center

A student center building that will house the student co-operative store, a lunch counter and soda fountain, and will also provide quarters for student organization may be erected by the student body of the San Jose Teachers College, according to the institution's weekly paper.

Students at San Jose are anxious to have lounging rooms for men and women—a sort of college club, as it were. These will probably be incorporated in the structure. It is understood that the cost will be met entirely by student aid.

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School spirit! Co-operation! Duty!

These are some of the things prospective teachers should consider carefully, yet what do we find when we go over the election returns? Out of a student body well in excess of eight hundred students, but three hundred and seventy turned out to vote.

Three hundred and seventy out of eight hundred had enough energy to make a half dozen checks upon a ballot. We wonder if these slackers will do the same thing when they are called upon to vote at city, state and national elections.

Coming back to the fact that nearly five hundred prospective teachers failed to vote, we wonder by what right they can be classed as conscientious teaching material.

It is a great source of puzzlement to some people here whether or not it is this great bulk of "dead-heads" who form the group of perpetual growlers—those who are continually knocking the Student Body and the whole school in general. It is the belief of many that it is those who do nothing else who do all the "kicking."

"Lady of Shallot" Given Today

"The Lady of Shallot," the cantata based on Tennyson's "Lady of Shallot," was given by the special music students, under the direction of Mrs. McCauley, today, at ten o'clock in the assembly.

The cantata was composed of three part choruses, with soprano solos. Miss Edna Murphy was the soloist. Miss Peggy Kilgariff was the accompanist.

Miss Smith's Book Goes To Press

Miss Smith, the art instructor, reports that she has just received a letter from Rand McNally stating that her book, "The Lines Twins," will go to press at the beginning of the year.

The book aims to teach children, through the individual method, the first steps in drawing and painting.

This is not the first book Miss Smith has written. She has already published an authoritative text on drawing and has collaborated with Miss Talbert in issuing a book on manuscript writing.

W. A. A. Election

Members of the W. A. A. Executive Board for the coming semester were elected December 15.

The organization chose E. Byrne for its president and A. Paulson for vice-president. They are from August '25 and February '26, respectively.

B. Hill of February '25 is the new secretary, and M. Byrne, August '25, the treasurer.

All of the new officers have taken a leading part in school athletics since their entrance and are all well suited for these offices.

Suitcases Star in Play

As the curtain rolled up on the last Thursday assembly before Christmas, President Anderson opened the meeting with a few remarks in which he praised Ida and passed on a little "fatherly" advice that didn't hurt anyone. The curtain then raised on a scene in "The Black Suitcase," a Christmas play presented by the College Theater. There turned up about five different black suitcases; you can imagine the confusion resulting. A constant munching in the audience kept pace with the play, but this "subterranean" sound didn't bother the players at all. They were:

Bridget, maid and family friend.....
Frances Bramhall
Mother, a gentle tyrant.....Thelma De Field
Father, a respectable citizen.....Velma Schulze
Housebreaker.....Florence Wrenn
Bootlegger.....Florence Wrenn
Sis, a boarding school miss.....Fanny Solomon
Bud, the irrepressible, a "hi" school senior.....Vida Setencich
Jack Plummer, also at "hi".....Gladys King
Taxi Driver.....Florence Wrenn
Terrence, plain-clothes man and Bridget's cousin.....Florence Wrenn

The intermission was used up in campaign speeches by the various candidates. It seems that all of our candidates "have never led a yell in their lives," but they made a brave attempt at it; at least Emma Nash and Gladys Banner did; Gussie Higginson was not present. Helen Garvin, Minnie Kelly, and Margaret Wheelock, all running for president, were present to give talks. Ida Felmeyer, Wilella Porter, and Mabel Williams for vice-president also "speeched" a bit.

The rest of the candidates had their "say" and the program continued in the form of Miss Sarah Farrell's presentation called:

Dance of Elation

Icicle.....Vivian Green
Holly.....Margaret Harrington and Sarah Farrell
Mistletoe.....Kathleen Sherman
The music used: Allegro Risoluto.
Suite for piano and violin, Edward Schutt.
The musicians: Piano, Evelyn Elster; violin, Doris Malitz.

The dance: Composed and directed by Sarah Farrell.

The costumes: Designed and executed by Sarah Farrell and Emilie Hallinan.

Santa Claus then presented the Christmas tree, after which the dance music struck up in the old gym.

T. S. Pupils Give Plays

The Frederic Burke Children's Theater is giving five plays on Friday, the last day of school.

The plays are: "Somebody's Princess," given by low grammar pupils and directed by Margaret Little; "Pfoca," directed by Margaret Pinney; "Jack and the Bean Stalk," given by high primary children under the direction of Gertrude Keen; and lastly a high grammar play entitled, "The Neckless," directed by Elizabeth Pinney.

Hard work has resulted in a definite degree of perfection being attained in these plays. Success is expected by all those interested.

Marriage Takes Another

Matrimonial ties have enchained another of our members in the person of "Midge" Heaney. The ceremony occurred on New Year's Eve at midnight. It was entirely unexpected by her friends.

The groom is an employee of the Standard Oil Company and the name he has given to Midge is "Robert Dunsmuir."

The bride has not returned to school to complete her work.

Dancing Features Impromptu Program

The assembly program of Thursday, December 9, saw many of our old favorites again called upon—favorites not only in persons, but also in numbers.

Miss Agnes Boyle was chairman of the day, and her program was mostly impromptu. Miss Farrell, instructor of the "famous" natural dancing class, presented "Valse Bluette." This very lovely dance was followed by a number of real jazzy selections rendered by the "Ukulele Group." The next "favorites" were Midge and the Charleston. After this version of that exceedingly popular dance, Orpha Corrigan was called upon to give hers. Our famous whistler, Anna Johansen, was next to perform. No singing had as yet been exhibited, so Elsie Breed and Gladys Cathcart, accompanied by Annabel Hopping, sang "My Sweetheart" and "Indian Love Call," which were much appreciated by those present. Last, but not least by any means, came Fanny Solomon, who sang, "Moonlight on the Ganges."

The last "favorite" to be participated in was dancing in the old gym by all who cared to stay.

Art Students Hold Personality Exhibit

At 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, in the Emporium, our big department store, about a dozen members of the Correct Dress class demonstrated how to choose clothes to enhance the beauty of each girl's face, figure, complexion, and personality.

The models had the added advantage of wearing advance styles, new materials, and novel designs, ushered in by the new year.

This exhibit, Miss Mayer hopes, will be the introduction to a regular program of personality shows for next term's Correct Dress class.

Since there are several exclusive women's shops down town which would be glad for the opportunity of displaying their clothes so advantageously, the art instructor's plan should meet with approval from both apparel shops and students.

New Librarian Takes Up Work

The surprise and disappointment of the children on hearing about Mrs. Woods' departure gave way to interest in Miss Ellis, the new librarian.

"The system is a very interesting one," says the new faculty member, "and I know I'm going to enjoy my work here."

Miss Ellis, a graduate of the University of California, has long been a close friend of Miss Dunphy, one of the assistant librarians in the college library.

Just before coming here, Miss Ellis was serving as librarian of children's books in the school department in the Monterey County library. This means that the new librarian is not only well equipped by training, but also by actual experience, to take up the specific type of work that is necessary in Room 10.

August '24 Victorious

The Seniors have again walked off with the victory. The 120 lb. championship for basketball was won by August '24 in a hard-fought game with February '26, last Wednesday. The final score was 14-11.

The members of the winning team are: Frances Bramhall, Agnes Boyle, Eleanor Flaherty, Cleo Rispoli, Grace Springett, Winona Sarasin, and Helen Wilkie.

This victory gives August '24 both of the basketball trophies for this semester.

College Theater Picks New Officers

Election of new officers in the College Theater took place the first week after school opened. Margaret Cullen was elected president. Her excellent work in "The Romantic Age" proved her ability as an actress, or, perhaps, we should say actor.

Helen Cook, who took the part of Jane in "The Romantic Age," was elected vice-president. Helen's performance will not soon be forgotten by those who saw the play.

Mary Jane O'Neill, one of the most capable and hard-working members of the theater, was elected secretary. The members can be assured of accurate and well kept minutes.

Gladys King, a freshman girl in the theater, was elected treasurer. She will be remembered as the hero in the Christmas party play. While she has not had many opportunities this last term, it is believed that she has quite a future.

The theater plans an extensive program for this term. If they live up to their standards set this last semester, surely no criticisms will be made.

Miss Casebolt is one of the most faithful and earnest of faculty sponsors, and the success of the club is in a large part due to her untiring efforts.

Steam Shovels Build Site For New Structure

The steam shovel has been busy all during the Christmas vacation period digging out the clay and rock on the site of our new Science Building. For a while two of the big machines gnawed away at the corner bounded by Haight and Buchanan streets. Now the steam-operated shovel has moved away and left its gasoline co-worker to complete the job.

The whole corner of the lot will be reduced to the same level as that of the new gymnasium, so that when the new building is completed they will harmonize in elevation. With uncanny, though awkward, movements, the two machines gulped at rock large enough to stagger a big motor truck, hard outcroppings of rocks and sticky mud. One of them even uprooted several trees and loaded them upon the trucks.

Sometimes the gasoline shovel, which is mounted upon a caterpillar track, would scoop up a big rock in its jaws, then amble across the rough land to deposit it on the other side. Sometimes it would pull out an enormous stone lay it down, and then hammer it to pieces.

The new building will be L shaped. One section will parallel Haight street; the other will run along Buchanan. The court between the two sections of the building will thus front toward the gymnasium. All lighting will come from the south and the east.

Two New Buildings Asked

A four-room kindergarten at People's Place, and three new units to house the training school will be asked of the State by Mr. Anderson in the budget for the coming year, according to information from the president's office.

The three training school units will call for an expenditure of \$225,000, while the four-room kindergarten at People's Place will cost \$15,000. If the budget requests are granted, plans will probably be drawn up at once.

It is proposed to construct the projected training school on the south side of the campus—parallel to Herman street. It will start at the boiler plant and run up the hill to the edge of the present frame structure housing the elementary class rooms.

Young People's Symphony Concerts To Be Given

To enable people to listen to good music without being bored is the aim of the Young People's Symphony Concerts, which will be given at the Columbia Theater on alternate Friday afternoons, at three o'clock, beginning January 14.

At these concerts the director, Mr. Wheeler Beckett, will make introductory remarks aimed toward bringing about a better understanding of the music by the audience. The listeners will be largely children and adults who have had little training in music appreciation.

The audience is not merely to listen to the music, but is to take part in the programs by singing. Each listener is to be given the words of the themes of a symphony. By singing these main thoughts of the composition, the audience becomes familiar with them, and when the number is played by the symphony orchestra each one will be able to tell when and how often the themes occur.

The program for the first concert is: Introductory Remarks. Wheeler Beckett

I. Coriolanus Overture Beethoven

II. (a) Song—Swanee River Foster
Orchestra and Audience

(b) Singing of themes of Schubert
Symphony in B Minor

III. Unfinished Symphony in B Minor—Schubert.

IV. Introduction to 3rd Act Lohengrin—Wagner.

Tickets for these symphony concerts are for sale at Sherman Clay & Co. They may also be obtained from Mrs. McCauley here at the college. The season tickets for the five concerts are \$2.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00.

Popular Librarian Resigns

The greater calling of wife and house-keeper has resulted in the loss of one of our faculty members. Mrs. Woods, librarian in the children's library, left the college for good and all on the last Friday before the Christmas vacation.

"We intend to build our own little home," says Mrs. Woods, "and I have so many ideals to carry out in regard to it that it demands my undivided attention." The home will probably be built in San Mateo.

Much surprise followed the announcement of the departure of this faculty member.

Mrs. Wood has made many friends among the students as well as among the faculty, and all are sorry to see her go.

Sisters Reign in Two-Teacher School

The Johnson sisters, Linnea and Astrid, have a two-teacher school in Turlock county.

Linnea, through gift of seniority, is principal and teacher of the grammar grades. Astrid conducts the lower classes.

Since the school is in the migratory section, the attendance varies from 35 to 50, with boys always in the lead. Most of their classes are taught with the formal recitation, but the two S. F. T. C. grads plan to gradually individualize some of the work.

"The children do well in dramatics," said Linnea. "They put on a Thanksgiving play before the holidays"—"and" interposed Astrid, "the little fellows made splendid Indians."

If rumors be dependable, the Misses Johnson are evidently quite influential in their locality, for a newcomer is immediately told about those Johnson sisters and their school, which, by the way, is called the Johnson School.

Dean Urges Students To Join Club

"The most important phase of a college education," says Miss Ward, "is the social contact with others, for the success of a teacher depends more upon the human relationship she has had with others, than upon her academic studies."

There is no better way of obtaining this social contact with others than by joining a club. Then one has something in common with the other members and makes friends easier, some of which may last through life. Also a person may express her opinions, as well as make worth while suggestions. The result is a gradual growth of leadership ability and of confidence. Then, too, instead of being in obscurity, one is brought forth in the "limelight" and is valued for her true worth. In addition, a club offers pleasure.

Quite a wide choice of clubs is offered to all students because, with such a range of mixed types, there must be a diversity of social needs. For this reason there are organizations for sports, reading, writing, dramatics, social service work, singing, and others; so that there is no excuse for any girl not belonging to a club. As Miss Ward says, "Our motto should be, 'A club for every girl's need.'"

If one does not belong to any organization, it is not the fault of this institution, for the program schedule is so arranged that school time is given over once a week for meetings on Tuesdays at 3 o'clock. This fact is quite unique, inasmuch as there are very few colleges which do this.

But the school is not the loser in giving the students this time. Naturally, good students belong to clubs. This improves the standards of the college, for each club has high ideals which the members carry out as well as possible. Then, too, the clubs foster the spirit of co-operation and service.

Our Dean of Women also said at a recent meeting of all the teachers college presidents, that it was difficult for one to qualify for a junior high school position without the ability to organize and participate in clubs. Not only does this apply to those teaching in the higher grades, but to all teachers, for the teacher wanted today and tomorrow is not the one who can teach the three "Rs," but the one who is human, the one who can sympathize and understand, the one who has a social mind and can organize.

The field is growing larger for this type of person and is making competition for positions stronger than ever. There is no better time to get this kind of training than now, when it can be obtained by joining a club here in S. F. T. C.

As the term is drawing to a close, it is advisable to start thinking of the organization best suited to your needs, so that when the time comes for signing up for a club, there will be no hesitancy.

Classes To Be Renamed

At the beginning of the coming semester all classes will be renamed. Those entering college will be known as low freshmen, while those who have been here a semester will be called high freshmen. Likewise, the sophomore and junior group will also be divided into a high and low division. Members of the graduating class will graduate as juniors, while those returning for work will be seniors. The seniors will have their class affiliations and elect their officers. Much is expected of this senior group in the promotion of school spirit, and the carrying out of school ideals.

Transfer students, who hitherto have had to "work out their own salvation," will now be properly classified and have their class affiliations.